

**AYER'S**  
Sarsaparilla, wherever used, is always spoken of in terms of highest praise. WILLIAM SMALL, Fort Fairfield, Me., says, in a letter recently received: "It gives me pleasure to speak from personal knowledge of the wonderful cure, by the use of AYER'S Sarsaparilla, of a bad humor in a child seven years old. The child's hands, arms, feet and legs were covered with blotches and scabs, resulting in local applications. Very soon after taking AYER'S Sarsaparilla the humor disappeared, the cure being complete. An absolute purifier I consider that AYER'S Sarsaparilla is."

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Stands at the head of the whole catalogue of such preparations, especially when used in connection with AYER'S PILLS.

"There can be no question as to the superiority of AYER'S Sarsaparilla over all other blood purifiers. If this was not the case the demand for it, instead of increasing yearly, would have ceased long ago. No so many other blood medicines I could name. W. F. L. NICKERSON, Charleston, W. Va."

**CURES OTHERS, WILL CURE YOU.**  
Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

**MINISTERS, LAWYERS, TEACHERS AND OTHERS**  
should use Carter's Little Liver Pills for torpid liver and biliousness. One is a dose. Try them.

**BROWN'S IRON BITTERS CURES DYSPEPSIA, NERVOUSNESS, BILIOUSNESS AND GENERAL DEBILITY.** Gives strength, restores appetite, cures indigestion, constipation, headache, dizziness, etc. The best tonic for Nervous Debility.

**IF THIS BABY IS CUTTING TEETH BE SURE** and use that old reliable remedy, Dr. Williams' Soothing Syrup for children teething. It soothes the inflamed gum, cures the fever, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for all the troubles of teething.

**Anger and Bitter are the best remedy for removing indigestion. Ask your druggist for the genuine, prepared by Dr. J. G. B. Sigart & Sons.**

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**EVERY MOMENT THE BOMBARDMENT OF THE CITY IS EXPECTED.**

**LONDON, Sept. 21.**—Private dispatches received here today from Rio Janeiro state that the situation there is unchanged. Steps have been taken to treat with Admiral Mello, the commander of the rebel squadron, who yesterday sent an ultimatum to the authorities demanding the surrender of the city under penalty of bombardment. The general opinion is that negotiations with Admiral Mello would be fruitless of result, it being believed that he is determined upon the unconditional surrender of the city. The excitement in the city continues. It is hourly expected that Admiral Mello will order the bombardment to begin, and with his ships commanding the city it is known that the damage they will do will be considerable. The rebel vessels are in positions to pour a furious fire into the city, and the wealthy residents have already fled the place. Those who are forced by circumstances to remain dread every moment to hear the report of the guns. Every effort is being made to calm the excited crowd.

**NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE.**  
Special Cable Dispatch to the Evening Star.

**A Fast Train Crushes into the Rear of a Freight.**  
KENT, Ohio, Sept. 21.—At 1 o'clock this morning the Baltimore and Ohio fast passenger train No. 6, west bound on the Pittsburg and West Virginia route, crashed at a terrific rate of speed. The train consisted of nine vestibule sleeping cars, 30 which had just left the station. There was a rear-end collision and the caboose and several cars of the freight train were crushed. The passenger train was traveling at a speed of 40 miles an hour. The freight train was stopped at a signal. The passenger train was traveling at a speed of 40 miles an hour. The freight train was stopped at a signal.

**CATHOLICS AND ODD FELLOWS.**  
Archbishop Kater's Request for Recognition Referred.

**MILWAUKEE, Sept. 21.**—At the meeting yesterday of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Odd Fellows, a request made by Archbishop Kater, for copies of the ritual and other printed matter relating to the work of the order was referred to the committee on the state of the order. Archbishop Kater's request was referred to the committee on the state of the order.

**LEAD CITY ESCAPES.**  
Forest Fires That Threatened Change Their Course.

**LEAD CITY, S. D., Sept. 21.**—The forest fire which last night threatened this city with destruction changed its course shortly after midnight, the wind having shifted, and there is now no danger.

**THE ROMAN BANK FRAUDS.**  
The Manager and Several Others Committed for Trial.

**ROME, Sept. 21.**—Public interest in the bank scandals was revived today by the action of the court of appeals, which committed for trial at the assize court Signor Tanlongo, manager of the Banco Romano. Signor Tanlongo was committed for trial at the assize court.

**BERLIN, Sept. 21.**—The report that Emperor William had, upon hearing of Prince Bismarck's illness at Kissingen, sent a dispatch to the ex-chancellor expressing his sympathy and offering him one of the imperial castles as a residence, has been met by a newspaper comment. As a rule, the papers approve of the emperor's advance toward renewing his friendship with the prince.

**THE NATIONAL ZETTING SAYS** that the emperor's advance toward renewing his friendship with the prince, which ought never to have been severed, will receive warm approval from a majority of the nation.

**Spain Imitates the Recent Action of Portugal.**  
MADRID, Sept. 21.—The Spanish government has declared a quarantine against the ports of Hamburg, Germany, and Hull, England, owing to the prevalence of cholera at those places. It has also declared Jersey, N. J., to be infected, and all vessels that call at that port subsequent to Aug. 31, Spanish ports will be quarantined upon arrival. The action of the government in respect of Jersey City is due to the information furnished by the Spanish consul at New York of the existence of a choleraic disorder in Jersey City. Official information also having reached the government of the existence of cholera at Tampa, Fla., all vessels that have left that port since August 20, bound for Spanish ports, will be quarantined.

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**THE WATER DEPARTMENT.**  
Improvements in the Service During the Past Year.

**Water—An Appropriation Asked for Hydrants—The Report.**

**Superintendent of the Water Department** Hayden today furnished the Commissioners with his report, and the estimates of the amount that will be required to run his department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904.

**Very little can be added to what has been said in former reports in regard to the water supply of the city. It has been not only to take every precaution to prevent the water supply from being cut off, but to take every precaution to prevent any cases of waste that may come under the department.**

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**MERRY WEDDING BELLS.**  
An Unusual Number of Happy Brides and Grooms.

**The Autumn Season—Washingtonians Returning Home—Personal Notes.**

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